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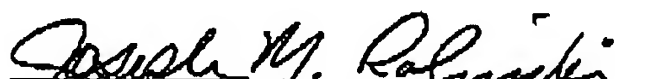
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In re application of: Peters, et al. :

Serial No.: 10/055,291

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For: Method of Attaching an Electric  
Conductor to an Electrically  
Conductive Terminal via a  
Telescoping Sleeve

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**REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW**

A telephone interview discussing the Final Rejection of claims 1-3, 7, 8, 12-15, 17, and 19 of the application is requested.

More specifically, a proposed amendment of claim 1, replacing "the method comprising:" in line 4 with --the method comprising steps in the order of:-- is to be presented in the interview. Based on comments made in the last Office Action, it is

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believed that such an amendment of claim 1 would put the application into condition for allowance.

Furthermore, the objection to claim 1 is to be discussed. In the objection it is stated that it is unclear as to whether the steps set forth in claim 1 are occurring one after another. It is contended that the use of the word "then" does not clearly define whether the order of steps is in the sequential order as listed.

It is submitted that the use of the word "then" in claim 1 clearly sets forth the order of the steps. This is in accordance with the clear understanding of the definition of the word "then". Webster's 9<sup>th</sup> Edition Collegiate Dictionary defines "then" as "soon after that: next in order of time", and "following next after in order of position, narration, or enumeration: being next in a series".

According to any definition of the word "then", the sequence of steps set forth in claim 1 is clear, and this sequence of steps is not suggested in the prior art as explained in the Remarks presented in Amendment and Response B.

It is again requested that a telephone interview be conducted to discuss the above issues, which are believed to put the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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